

## Conference At a Glance

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00		Breakfast for Conference Participants	Breakfast for Conference Participants
9:00		Howard Davidson, Enhancing Legal Responses to Child Welfare-Related Concerns	Judge Louis A. Trosch "5 Steps to Better Collaboration"
10:00		Panel Development Clinic, Moderator Sara Davis, South Carolina CRP	Jennifer Tolle Whiteside- Successful Involvement of the Community
11:00			Open Forum Howard Davidson Facilitator Participants exchange thoughts and concerns with federal representatives
12:30		Conference Luncheon - Rev Kerry Richmond - Advocacy, I See the Need Everyday Howard Davidson- Legal Issues Around Child Advocacy	Lunch for the Road Blake Jones & Others
1:30	Shuttle Arrives from Norfolk	Luncheon	
2:00		What Has Changed North Carolina Highlights	Shuttle to Norfolk Airport
3:30		Charisse Johnson & Phyllis Fulton - CRP As Change Agents	
4:30		Break for Dinner	
5:30	Shuttle Arrives from Norfolk	Shuttle Leaves for Aquarium	
6:00	Conference kick-off Enjoy the evening in a relaxing atmosphere of good food, laughter and networking. Speaker- Richard Rose, Esq. <b>Conference participants and their guest</b>	Self Guided Tour of NC Aquarium Buffet: North Carolina s Finest Cuisine Seafood & Barbeque Speaker Katherine Leslie, PhD Advocacy What Does It Really Mean? Music By Angelo Sonnesso <b>Conference participants and their guest</b>	

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<b>7:00 Breakfast</b>	<b>7:00 Breakfast and Cracker Barrel Sessions</b> * Breakfast will include an interactive discussion with reps from across the country serving up the nooks and crannies of their state's panel.
<b>9:00 Enhancing Legal Responses to Child Welfare-Related Concerns</b> <b>Howard Davidson, Esq.</b> This presenter is responsible for many nationwide activities of the ABA related to children and the legal system. Howard directs a large staff of attorneys and social scientists engaged in consulting, technical assistance, training, and writing projects on many legal topics. Throughout his tenure, Howard has provided consultation to courts, attorneys, organizations and other professionals across the country on child welfare and child protection legal issues. His workshop will highlight the connection between child advocacy and the legal system.	<b>9:00 "5 Steps to Better Collaboration"</b> <b>Judge Louis A. Trosch</b> The presenter for this workshop will provide conference attendees with a discussion about <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership</li> <li>• Timing</li> <li>• Getting Buy-In from Key Stakeholders</li> <li>• Moving past excuses (why we can't do it) such as \$\$</li> <li>• Vision</li> </ul>
<b>10:00 Panel Development Clinic</b> <b>Sara Davis, South Carolina CRP – Facilitator</b> Each state is mandated by law to use Citizen Review Panels to review child welfare practices as well as policies and procedures, receives public comment on the impact of child welfare procedures and practices and make recommendations to improve state and local child welfare services. Throughout the county there are wide variances in fulfilling this requirement. In this workshop participants will have an opportunity to hear how some states are doing it and share how their state is doing it. Participants should be prepared to share information in this interactive workshop. Participants are invited to learn specific details of these state's panels at cracker barrel sessions on Friday morning*	<b>10:00 Successful Involvement of the Community</b> <b>Jennifer Tolle Whiteside</b> Jennifer will share her expertise in balancing the needs of children for change in laws and policies and the need to be politically correct. She has been very successful in advocating for children while recognizing the realities of budget shortfalls, the cultural and geographical diversity of assembly members and the slow pace of change. Community involvement is a critical ingredient in any move for social change. Effectively involving citizens in the review process, ensuring they are engaged and challenged by the process as well as managing community change through citizen involvement will be covered in this workshop. Effective strategies for recruitment and retention will be covered.
<b>11:45 Luncheon</b> <b>Rev Kerry Richmond, Pastor of New Life Community Church, Burlington, NC</b> <b>“ Advocacy, I See the Need Everyday”</b>  <b>Howard Davidson, Esq.- “Legal Issues Around Child Advocacy”</b>	<b>11:00 Open Forum –</b> <b>Howard Davidson</b>  Participants exchange thoughts and concerns with federal representatives
<b>1:30 What Has Changed – North Carolina Highlights</b> Melanie Jordan, DA Office, Northeastern North Carolina CCPTs Kathy Kinzic, Chairperson Gaston County CCPT Wanda Niedig, Chairperson New Hanover CCPT Robin Testerman, Chairperson Surry County CCPT Robert Johnson, Chairperson Pamlico County CCPT	<b>12:30 Lunch For the Road (Or Air) ☺</b>  <b>Blake Jones and Others</b>
<b>3:30 CRP as Change Agents</b> <b>Charisse Johnson, Deputy Director of WAGES</b> <b>Phyllis Banks Fulton, Program Coordinator</b> While there may be a general belief that child protection is the responsibility of child welfare agencies or that certain families choose to maltreat their children, both of these beliefs are fallacies. Citizen Review Panels must examine conditions within families that cause children to be unsafe and develop strategies that will address these conditions. Holding social services agencies to the fire is not the most critical responsibility of the CRP. Examining the circumstances that most often impact families is a more effective approach to addressing child safety and wellbeing. This workshop will offer guidance for panel.	
<b>7:00 PM “Being an Advocate for Change in the Child Protection Arena”</b> <b>Katherine Leslie, PhD</b> It's easy and conventional to extol the intrinsic worth and promise of our most precious and vulnerable members of the population – our children. But, protecting them from their number one predator adults, well that's beyond difficult because balancing children's needs with the rights of adults darn well defies convention. In this key note address, Dr. Katharine Leslie will define child protection and discuss the need for system change, identify beliefs and behaviors that pave the way and stand in the way of change, and summarize her ideas for advocacy practices both ideal and practical.	